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is in excellent condition. There are several tunnels. All bridges are steel. Fuel is coal. The equipment is in fair condition. Between Shahroud and Mashad a roadbed has been graded. Negotiations are being carried on at the present time between Iran and the Germans to provide rails and complete this railroad as well as the line Teheran to Yazd which is also all ready for track laying. I understand that a loan is being or has been negotiated with Krupps of Germany for \$200,000,000 to complete these two lines.

- (3) There is a considerable movement of oil from Teheran to Mashad which is handled by trucks beyond Damghan.

3. Iran - Teheran to Bandar-Abbass on south coast

(a) Climate

(1) South of Teheran

The temperature during the summer was hot in the daytime but cold at night; 55-60° at Kerman. The temperature within 150 kilometers of Bandar-Abbass is about as hot as any inhabited place on the globe, from June to October, 120-130° F in the shade and 160-180° in the sun. The day I was there in [REDACTED] it was 138° F. The night temperature drops about 60°. The humidity is high and oppressive.

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- (2) As far as I know there are no fogs and no clouds. It is impossible to drive a car against the glare of the sun in the summer.
- (3) In the summer there is a fairly constant wind from the East. I do not know the direction during the winter.

(b) Topography

- (1) The country south of Teheran is a plateau at an elevation of about 4000 feet. It is cut on the south by rivers which are seasonal, dry for most of the year. Approaching Bandar-Abbass, the road is very winding. There are no bridges and in crossing one stream bed we were stuck for several hours in the loose sand.
- (2) There are several large marshes which are shown on the map of Teheran.
- (3) There is no vegetation nor any buildings on the hills which could afford shelter or hiding for observers.

(c) Farming

- (1) Cotton, tobacco and rice are grown in the same areas, notably north of Yazd. The fields are not fenced.
- (2) The country is irrigated from deep wells, a program which has been aided by Point 4 to a large extent. The water is distributed by irrigation canals. Mounds of earth marking the wells can frequently be seen.

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- (c) I knew that I needed a permit to travel in Iran, but, on account of lack of time, I did not secure one. I was stopped once or twice by policemen but when I explained what I was doing, they pleasantly waved me on.
- (d) The only knowledge of US assistance that I found outside of Teheran was that the deep irrigation wells throughout the country and water supply in Kerman, Bander-Abbass and Teheran were due to US aid. There is a definite appreciation for all the Americans have done.
- (e) Dr. Mussagar (?) has done a marvellous job as head of the health program. He is about 40 years old, a Cornell graduate and is a brilliant scientist. He is largely responsible for the success of the irrigation, water supply and lowering of malaria incidence. He is interested in the company that operates coal mines.
- (f) Labor
Labor is abundant but not very efficient. They need technical assistance on how to do things. They would take advice providing it was tactfully given.
- (g) Customs
Customs examinations are not strict. Currency control is very strict. They do not want people dealing in the black market and I was fined double the difference between the small amount of US currency I brought in and the amount I took out.

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1. Photostat and white print of Road Map of Iran by the government of Iran, the Ministry of Health, Public Health Cooperative Organization, Sanitary Engineering Services Division Central Office, scale 1:2,000,000 showing chrome areas.
2. Photostat and white print area 2 Abbassabad Area Map of Iran, Jajarm Sheet, J-40-U, scale 1:253,440.
3. Photostat and white print of Area 3, Abbassabad Area Map of Iran, Sabzavar sheet, J-40-V, scale 1:253,440.

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